

## CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Washington February 8, 1883, extending convention of January 15, 1880, as extended*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with amendments, February 21, 1883 <sup>1</sup>*

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with amendments, April 3, 1883 <sup>1</sup>*

*Ratified by France June 1883 <sup>2</sup>*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington June 25, 1883*

*Entered into force June 25, 1883*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 25, 1883*

*Expired April 1, 1884*

23 Stat. 728; Treaty Series 97

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic, being persuaded that the labors of the Commission for the settlement of the claims of citizens of either country against the Government of the other, which was organized under the convention between the two Governments signed at Washington the fifteenth day of January, 1880,<sup>3</sup> and which was extended to July first, 1883, by the supplementary convention of July 19th, 1882,<sup>4</sup> cannot be concluded by July 1st, 1883, have deemed it expedient to conclude another supplementary convention extending the term of duration of said Commission for a further period, and have named as their respective plenipotentiaries to that end, as follows:

The President of the United States, Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State of the United States, and the President of the French Republic, Théodore Justin Dominique Roustan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of France at Washington, Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, etc., etc.

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. amendments inserted in the third paragraph of art. I after the word "death" the word "or", and deleted after the word "incapacity" the words "retirement or cessation of the functions of".

The text as printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

<sup>2</sup> Day not known.

<sup>3</sup> TS 95, *ante*, p. 848.

<sup>4</sup> TS 96, *ante*, p. 853.

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles.

#### ARTICLE I

The term of two years fixed by the second paragraph of Article VIII of the convention between the United States and the French Republic, concluded January fifteenth, 1880, within which the Commissioners appointed thereunder shall be bound to examine and decide upon every claim presented to them which was extended to July 1st, 1883, by the supplementary convention of July 19th, 1882, is hereby extended to the first day of April, A.D. 1884.

Nothing in this agreement contained shall extend or alter the terms fixed in the first paragraph of said Article VIII for the presentation of claims, but the same shall remain as therein fixed.

If the proceedings of the Commission shall be interrupted by the death, or incapacity of any one of the Commissioners, then the period for which the term of the Commission is hereby extended shall not be held to include the time during which such interruption may actually exist.<sup>5</sup>

#### ARTICLE II

No testimony or evidence either in support of or in answer to any claim shall be presented to, or received by the Commission after the first day of July, 1883.

The present convention shall be ratified and the ratifications exchanged at Washington at as early a day as may be practicable.

In testimony whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention in the English and French languages, in duplicate, and have hereunto affixed their respective seals.

Done at the City of Washington the eighth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

FRED'K T. FRELINGHUYSEN	[SEAL]
TH. ROUSTAN	[SEAL]

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<sup>5</sup> See footnote 1.